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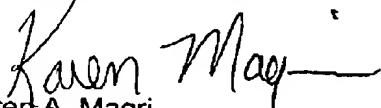
**REMARKS:**

Claims 1, 7 to 10, 19 and 50 to 51 are pending and under examination. A telephonic interview was held on April 1, 2005 between Examiner Susan Unger and the undersigned attorney. During the interview, amendments to claims 1 and 7 to expedite the allowance of the present application were discussed. Claims 1 and 7 are amended herein as agreed during the interview, without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application.

In light of the amendments presented herein, Applicants believe that all of the outstanding rejections have been addressed and that the present claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the prosecution of this application to issue.

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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